

What is claimed is:

1. An expandable umbrella for accommodating multiple users comprising:

a pair of elongated telescoping shafts, each having an upper end and a lower end, with a handle at the lower end of each shaft for grasping by user;

5 a plurality of radially extending support struts at the upper end of each shaft, each of said support struts expandable to a substantially perpendicular orientation relative to said support shafts and collapsible thereagainst;

a canopy overlaying said support struts, said canopy including a pair of side sections with a collapsible intermediate section therebetween allowing said canopy
10 to be expanded to accommodate multiple users.

2. The umbrella according to claim 1 further comprising a telescoping arm interconnecting said shafts whereby said shafts are movable away from each other to expand the intermediate section of said canopy, or toward each other to a juxtaposed contiguous position, collapsing said arm and said intermediate section
15 of said canopy for convenient use by a single user.

3. The umbrella according to Claim 2 wherein said arm includes a spring-biased locking pin for locking said arm in an extended position.